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NORFOLK, VA., June 26, 1922.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

A Greek client of mine own one of the original gold coins minted by King Croesus 2500 years ago. He obtained it many years ago when he was a resident of Asia Minor.

Can you tell me if the Metropolitan Museum ever buys these coins and what would they give for one of the original ones, like those recently pictured in the New York papers,

Yours very truly,

A. E. Burruss

BURRUSS, A. E.

156th

July 8th, 1922

Mr. A. E. Burruss
307 Arcade Building
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 26th addressed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been forwarded to us for reply.

The article regarding the find of gold coins of Croesus gives an altogether incorrect impression of their rarity and value. It is rarity and condition that determines the value rather than their age. Furthermore, there are two varieties of these gold staters.

If your client is willing to send or bring his specimen here, we should be glad to tell him something more about it. If this is not feasible, if he can have an impression of both sides of the coin made in sealing wax and then have the piece carefully weighed, we may be able to make you an offer for it.

The staters sell from \$50 upwards, depending on condition and weight.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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